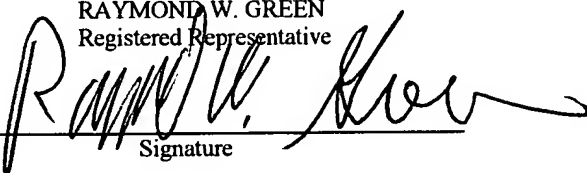


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5,133,705	7/1992	Nakanishi et al.	5/22/1991
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0,581,258	2/1994	European Patent Office	no (document is in English)
60-75,058	4/1985	Japan (Patent Publication)	See USP 4,589,876, of record
60-199,446	10/1985	Japan (Patent Publication)	See USP 4,687,478, of record
63-186,645	8/1988	Japan (Patent Publication)	See USP 4,701,178, of record
63-3,858	1/1988	Japan (Patent Publication)	See USP 4,900,320, of record
4-126,145	4/1992	Japan (Patent Publication)	See USP 5,133,705, herewith
4-364,844	12/1992	Japan (Patent Publication)	Yes
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6-047,072	2/1994	Japan (Patent Publication)	See EP 581,258, herewith

**OTHER DOCUMENT:**

Decision of the Technical Board of Appeal in the Oppositions to the grant of EP 590,675, dated 03.09.03 (September 3, 2003).

**REMARKS**

The Opposition Appeal decision enclosed was recently received in the appeal of an opposition to a related European Patent. EP 590,675 is maintained with amended claims, and the Appeal is dismissed.

The Japanese patent publications and Japanese utility model publications listed above, copies of which are enclosed, were cited recently in a corresponding Japanese patent application. The U.S. and European Patents are provided in lieu of translations of three of the Japanese references. Four of the Japanese references appear to correspond to U.S. patents identified above and previously of record. For each the remaining Japanese references, two translations of are provided: a partial translation, intended to cover the relevant portions of the references, and a second complete translation. A sheet for the Examiner to initial, to indicate consideration of the references, is also enclosed.

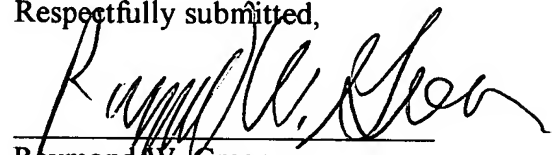
Applicants' effective filing date is September 30, 1992. Accordingly, of the enclosed references, only Japan Patent Publications 60-75,058; 60-199,446; 63-186,645 and 63-3,858 and the corresponding U.S. patents previously of record appear to be available as references against the present application, for what they show. Japanese Patent Publication 4-126,145 and the corresponding U.S. Patent 5,113,705 are believed to be early enough to be only *prima facie* references against the present application, except in the event of an interference. The remaining cited references appear to be too late to be available as references against the present application, regardless of what they show.

The May 22, 1991, filing date of U.S. Patent 5,133,705, and the April 27, 1992, publication date of Japanese Patent Publication 4-126,145 are antedated by the four Declarations under 37 CFR 1.131 filed concurrently.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), a check which includes \$180.00, the fee specified by 37 CFR 1.17(p) for the consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement at this stage of prosecution, is enclosed. In the event that an additional fee is deemed to be due, please charge it to Deposit Account 23-1925.

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